

figure in the creation of many successful economic development projects in our state.

For instance, the South Dakota Rural Development office was responsible for helping to create one of the first Enterprise Communities in the country—the Beadle and Spink Enterprise Community, BASEC. Additionally, RD assisted in developing the very first American Indian Empowerment Zone in the United States at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Under the leadership of Dallas, Rural Development helped establish the South Dakota Value Added Agriculture Development Center, which now creates opportunities for farmers and ranchers to add value to the raw commodities produced on their operations, and capture the profits from these value-added products. Dallas is one of South Dakota's leading advocates of farmer-owned value-added cooperatives in South Dakota.

Through the Rural Housing Service, South Dakota Rural Development has disbursed \$320 million since 1995, which has benefitted nearly 6,000 families in our state. Moreover, RD has distributed \$173 million in funding under the Rural Business Cooperative Service program, which has saved 2,001 and created another 1,414 jobs in South Dakota since 1995.

Finally, Dallas and his family have always been dedicated to public service, and I know he will continue to contribute to our state and its citizens in the future. Therefore, I wish him all the best and I will continue to rely upon his valuable insight on the economic development needs in South Dakota. On behalf of the people of South Dakota, I want to thank Dallas for being a true public servant who has helped improve the quality of life for thousands of people all across South Dakota.●

#### CLOUDCROFT, NEW MEXICO

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, recently the city of Cloudcroft, New Mexico was named one of the world's "10 Overlooked and Underrated Winter Destinations," by the editors of Fodor's Travel Publications.

Cloudcroft hasn't changed much over the years. There are more summer homes than before, but the permanent population has not grown substantially, and the Village still maintains a small-town atmosphere that is so appealing to the tourists who come from every state in the Union and many foreign countries. They appreciate the attitude of the locals and the laid-back feeling of the community as contrasted to the high-speed life in the big cities.

Cloudcroft is located in the southeastern area of New Mexico. A small mountain village located in the heart of the Lincoln National Forest. It is a great travel location for both the out-

doors and indoors visitors. For individuals who enjoy the outdoors, it offers year-round hiking, mountain biking, skiing, golfing and other activities. For the indoors visitors it offers a variety of unique shops, restaurants, and museums.

Cloudcroft is not commonly known for its glitzy ski resorts like other cities in New Mexico but rather as a perfect location for families learning the ropes. It offers a number of great inns and the distinction of having no stoplights. A great place for families to take their vacations. Children can play outside and adults can enjoy the quietness of the village.

Cloudcroft offers several festive events such as the New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade down the Cloudcroft mountain, caroling in the Clouds and Currier & Ives Candelit Christmas in December, or the full-moon ice-skating in February.

When visiting Cloudcroft, one must not miss the opportunity to go sledding on the dunes of White Sands National Monument or visit the Sunspot National Solar Observatory. No matter what your preference, Cloudcroft has an activity for you.

Many of us share a passion for travel, but often times finding a good location is not always easy. However, Cloudcroft truly is a city often overlooked by most. With its great weather, shopping and mountains, I am proud to say Cloudcroft is a part of New Mexico.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Under authority of the order of the Senate of December 11, 2000, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 11, 2000, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 129. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 11, 2000, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Julian C. Dixon, a Representative from the State of California.

That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid

out of applicable accounts of the House.

That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 13, 2000, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 129. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the orders of the Senate of December 11, 2000, the enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. FITZGERALD).

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-11836. A communication from the Acting Chief, Division of General and International Law, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statistical Data for Use in Operating-Differential Subsidy Application Hearings" (RIN2133-AB43) received on December 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11837. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Algonia, IA Class E Airspace Area Docket No. 00-ACE-34 [11-20-11-20]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0279) received on December 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11838. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments 492 Admt. no 2021 Docket No 30214 [11-16-11-20]" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0056) received on December 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11839. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Turbomeca Arriel 1 Series Turboshaft Engines Docket No. 2000-NE-11 [11-27-12-4]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0575) received on December 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11840. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing